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Applicants filed an information disclosure statement (IDS) on 10/27/2005. Applicants also filed a Notice of Appeal on 10/27/2005. According to M.P.E.P. 706.07(h) (I), prosecution in an application is closed if the application is under appeal. Accordingly, the IDS was filed after the period specified in paragraph (c) of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97. According to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (d) An information disclosure statement shall be considered by the Office if filed by the applicant after the period specified in paragraph (c) of this section, provided that the information disclosure statement is filed on or before payment of the issue fee and is accompanied by: (1) The statement specified in paragraph (e) of this section; and (2) The fee set forth in § 1.17(p). The information disclosure statement filed 10/27/2005 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.97(d) because it lacks a statement as specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e). It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

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